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<p align="center"><b>Office Action Summary</b></p>	<p><b>Application No.</b></p> <p>09/888,441</p>	<p><b>Applicant(s)</b></p> <p>TABACCHI ET AL.</p>	
	<p><b>Examiner</b></p> <p>Edward J. Webman</p>	<p><b>Art Unit</b></p> <p>1616</p>	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final. 6
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,11,13,15-18,26 and 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,11,13,15-18 and 29-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)          | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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The election of species over crosslinked polyelectrolyte is withdrawn.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13, 15-18, 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO/99/42521 (equivalent in English-US 6,375,959) in view of FR 97-04876 (English equivalent US 6,353,034).

US '959 teaches a composition with cosmetic applications comprising an oil phase, an aqueous phase, a water-in-oil emulsifier, an oil-in-water emulsifier, and 20-45% of a branched or crosslinked anionic polyelectrolyte comprising a strongly acidic monomer (abstract). A copolymer of AMPS crosslinked with methylenebisacrylamide is disclosed (Example 1 column 5). The water-in-oil emulsifier sorbitan oleate is specified (Example 1 column 5). The oil phase comprises a synthetic oil (column 2 line 58-65). 25-40% water-in-oil emulsifiers and 75-60% oil-in-water emulsifiers are specified (column 2 lines 48-52). 15-40% oil phase is disclosed (column 2 lines 54-57). Chain-limiting agents are specified (column 3 lines 11-14).

US '034 teaches compositions comprising alkyl polyglycosides as emulsifiers (abstract). Emulsions with remarkable textural properties for use in the cosmetic sector are disclosed (column 3 lines 16-19). An oil phase of vegetable oil, including olive oil, is specified (column 5 lines 13-19). Synthetic polymer stabilizers, including crosslinked acrylic polymers, are disclosed (column 7 lines 1-16).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to add an alky polyglycoside to the composition of US '959 to achieve the beneficial effect of achieving remarkable textural properties in view of US '034. As to the claimed fatty acid esters, US '959 discloses octyl palmitate. As to the claimed self-invertible inverse latex, it is argued that the obvious combination must be self-invertible because it is the same as that claimed.

Claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13, 15-18, 29-32 are rejected. Claim 26 is objected to as dependent upon a rejected claim.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Webman whose telephone number is 571-272-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Richter, can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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